

SECTION 00020

**NOTICE OF
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
IFB NO. 06-05**

Sealed bids in duplicate are invited for the construction of:

**COOLING TOWER & CHILLER REPLACEMENT
Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute
Marion, Virginia
Project Code No. 720-16974-03**

The project is generally described as the complete removal of the two existing 200 ton water-cooled chillers and the replacement of the existing 600 gpm two-cell cooling tower as Additive Bid Item 1.

Sealed bids will be received at Office of Architectural and Engineering Services, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS), Commonwealth of Virginia, 1220 Bank Street, Seventh Floor, Jefferson Building, Richmond, Virginia 23218. **The deadline for submitting bids is 2:00 P.M. sharp, as determined by the Bid Officer, on May 2, 2006.** The bids will be opened publicly and read aloud **beginning** at 2:00 P.M., on May 3, 2006, at the same location. A Bid Bond is required.

eVA BUSINESS-TO-GOVERNMENT VENDOR REGISTRATION: The bidder or offeror must be a registered vendor in eVA to be awarded this contract. Bidder must include the cost of the eVA transaction fee in its bid.

Procedures for submitting a bid, claiming an error, withdrawal of bids, and other pertinent information are contained in the Instructions to Bidders, G.S. Form E&B CO-7a., which is part of the Invitation for Bids. Withdrawal due to error in bid shall be according to Section 9 of the Instructions to Bidders and § 2.2-4330, Code of Virginia. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held in the Building 4 conference room at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Marion, Virginia, at 1:00 P.M., local prevailing time, on April 20, 2006. A tour and inspection of the work at the buildings will be conducted immediately following the Pre-Bid Conference. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference and/or inspection tour shall not be mandatory for those submitting a bid.

The contract shall be awarded on a lump sum basis as follows: the Total Base Bid Amount **including any properly submitted and received bid modifications plus** such successive Additive Bid Items as the Owner in its discretion decides to award in the manner set forth in Paragraph 12 of the Instructions to Bidders.

Contractor registration in accordance with Section 54.1-1103 of the Code of Virginia, is required. See the Invitation for Bids for additional qualification requirements.

The Invitation for Bids for the above project, including the drawings and the specifications containing

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the information necessary for bidding, may be obtained from the office of Versar, Inc., 901 Main Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504, Telephone (434) 847-3400. No partial sets of drawings and/or project manual will be provided.

A deposit of \$75.00 for each set of the Invitation for Bid documents will be required as a guarantee of the safe return of the documents within ten days after the bid opening. A non-refundable charge of \$40.00 per set is required for all sets requiring shipment. (Enclose separate checks for bid documents and shipping charge, if shipment required.)

Copies of the Invitation for Bids documents, including the plans and the specifications, will also be available for inspection at the following locations:

Versar, Inc.
901 Main Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Valley Construction News
428 Campbell Avenue Southwest
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

F. W. Dodge Plan Room
2840 Electric Road, S.W., Suite 102
Roanoke, Virginia 24018

F.W. Dodge Plan Room
5540 Falmouth Street, Suite 101
Richmond, Virginia 23230

The Plan Room, Inc.
308 Turner Road, Suite D
Richmond, Virginia 23225

Builders' Exchange
3207 Hermitage Road
Richmond, Virginia 23227

Valley Construction News
904-C South High Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Norfolk Builders and Contractors Exchange
1118 Azalea Garden Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Department of Minority Business Enterprise
Attention: Program Manager
9th Street Office Building, 11th Floor
200 – 202 N. Ninth Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

OWNER: Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation,
and Substance Abuse Services
1220 Bank Street
Seventh Floor, Jefferson Building
Richmond, Virginia 23218

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